

# City of Scottsdale PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

### **Summary Minutes**

5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2011 McCormick Stillman Railroad Park 7301 E. Indian Bend Road, Scottsdale, AZ

Present: Chair Stan Koczka,

Vice Chair Harry Schlegelmilch, Commissioner James Duchene Commissioner Jeanne Alspaugh, Commissioner Gene Dafoe Commissioner Anne Wurth

Absent: Commissioner Robert Frost

Staff Present: Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director

Hugh McGill, Parks and Recreation Manager Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager Reed Pryor, Parks and Recreation Manager Tim Barnard, Parks and Recreation Manager

Bob McNair, Recreation Supervisor Scott Anderson, Recreation Supervisor Kathleen Corea, Recreation Leader III Brad Bishop, Recreation Coordinator Tina Royer, Recreation Coordinator Henry Garcia, Recreation Leader III Anne Mason, Recreation Leader III Carrie Moyle, Recreation Leader III Michael Ruggiero, Technology Specialist Lorelei Oien, Administrative Secretary

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Koczka called the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park.

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#### 2. ROLL CALL

A formal roll call confirmed members present as stated above.

- 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Regular Meeting, March 2, 2011

Motion by Vice Chair Schlegelmilch to approve regular meeting minutes from March 2, 2011; second by Commissioner Alspaugh.

Vote: Approved unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

5. <u>CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUEST - CRY CHILD RIGHTS AND YOU AMERICA (CRYKET TOURNAMENT</u>

Kathleen Corea, Assistant Recreation Coordinator, introduced Ritu Shrivastava, Anand Kumar, Ghirag Gupta and Ramya Ramanathan from CRY Child Rights and You America, who requested from the Commission a city co-sponsorship to host a competitive cricket tournament to raise money and awareness to restore basic rights for under-privileged children in the United States and India at Chaparral Park on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Ms. Corea explained that the request was to waive the Facility Use Fees of \$420.

Following the presentation was a question period in which it was determined that 40 - 50% of the participants of last year's tournament were Scottsdale residents and that the tournament was held at Chaparral Park then as well.

Motion by Commissioner Duchene to grant co-sponsorship waiving Facility Use Fees of \$420 to CRY Child Rights and You America for use of Chaparral Park on Saturday, April 30, 2011, for 'CRYket' Tournament; second by Commissioner Alspaugh.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

6. <u>REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF PROPOSAL FROM SCOTTSDALE CAL RIPKEN</u>
<u>BASEBALL TO INSTALL BATTING CAGE IMPROVEMENTS AT THOMPSON PEAK</u>
<u>PARK BALLFIELDS</u>

Scott Anderson, Recreation Supervisor, introduced Jim Burke, President of Scottsdale Cal Ripken Baseball, who provided their request and proposed plans for installing batting cage improvements at Thompson Peak Park ball fields and Cal Ripken Baseball's commitment to cover the costs involved.

Following the presentation was a question period and clarification of the plans in which it was determined that these batting cage improvements would not interfere with possible future plans of additional amenities in that they would be located in the undeveloped portion of the park that is east of the ball fields.

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Motion by Vice Chair Schlegelmilch to approve Cal Ripken Baseball's proposal to install batting cage improvements at Thompson Peak Park ball fields; second by Commissioner Dafoe.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

## 7. AQUATIC SPONSORED TEAMS REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR JULY 2011 THROUGH JUNE 2012

Terry Erickson, Parks and Recreation Manager, introduced Barry Shannahan, Scottsdale Aquatic Club, Board of Directors; Cindy Calvetti, Scottsdale Synchro Arizona; and Mari Discerni, Clavadistas del Sol Diving Club, Team Treasurer, who provided the Commission with updates of their clubs' activities and accomplishments over the past year and requested continued sponsorship for the upcoming year beginning July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012. Ms. Erickson explained that all three teams meet the Community Services Sponsorship qualification criteria to be sponsored teams.

Following the presentations was a question and comment period from the Commissioners that included information regarding what the swim clubs give back to the community, such as Clavadistas del Sol Diving Club helping out Parks and Recreation staff with regard to training and exposure, Scottsdale Synchro Arizona helps out with the city's swimming and summer programs, and Scottsdale Aquatic Club provides a clinic for City of Scottsdale swim coaches.

Motion by Commissioner Duchene to approve sponsorships for Scottsdale Aquatic Club, Scottsdale Synchro Arizona and Clavadistas del Sol Diving Club for fiscal year 2011/2012 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012); second by Vice Chair Schlegelmilch.

Motion passed unanimously with a vote of six (6) to zero (0).

#### 8. ELDORADO AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER UPDATE

Tina Royer, Recreation Coordinator, provided an update on amenities, programs and classes offered at Eldorado Aquatic and Fitness Center, a brief update on upcoming special events, ongoing recruitment process, training, skills testing and volunteering.

Responding to one of the Commissioner's requests, Ms. Royer explained how the new birthday party rental would work and be marketed.

#### 9. CHAPARRAL PARK OFF LEASH AREA PUBLIC SURVEY UPDATE

In response to the Commission request in September, 2010, for information regarding the Off Leash Area (OLA), Scott Anderson, Recreation Supervisor, provided a summary of the public survey take by users of the Chaparral Park Off Leash Area. (01:10:00)

Following the presentation was a question and comment period between the Commissioners and staff that included conclusions drawn from survey, such as it appears that a majority of users would be willing to pay a fee, Scottsdale resident vs. nonresident use, and a discussion

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on how such a fee would be implemented. The Commission requested that staff prepare a recommendation of how such a fee system could be implemented.

#### 10. MCCORMICK STILLMAN RAILROAD PARK PROGRAM UPDATE

Bob McNair, Recreation Supervisor, provided an update on the operations of McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, including accomplishments, current and future projects, and information on the park's new model railroad building.

Following the presentation was a question and comment period between the Commission and staff regarding the high volume of visitor's to the new model railroad building, the parking for the free Sunday evening concerts and special events, playground equipment replacement, and

#### 11. COMMISSIONER REPORT

The commissioners gave updates on events and activities they have attended since the last commission meeting:

Commissioner Alspaugh attended and commented on:

- Budget Review Commission meeting
- Scottsdale 101 graduation

Vice Chair Schlegelmilch attended and commented on:

Scottsdale Stadium

Commissioner Duchene attended and commented on:

Scottsdale Stadium

Chair Koczka attended and commented on:

- Scottsdale 101
- Scottsdale Stadium

Commissioner Wurth attended and commented on:

- Several Scottsdale parks
- Soleri Bridge

#### 12. DIRECTOR'S REPORT OF CURRENT EVENTS (A.R.S. § 38-431.02(K)

Jan Cameron, Parks and Recreation Director, updated the Commission on the status of events and activities of the Parks and Recreation Department, including hosting the Triple Crown Sports Youth Baseball Tournament, Scottsdale Ranch Park's receiving of an organization award through the USTA, and the following upcoming events:

Arbor Day April Pool's Day Paw's in the Park

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Ms. Cameron also reported on the Budget Review Commission meeting and the direction staff has received.

#### 13. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorelei Oien Administrative Secretary

Meets established criteria,

Janice M. Cameron Director, Parks and Recreation